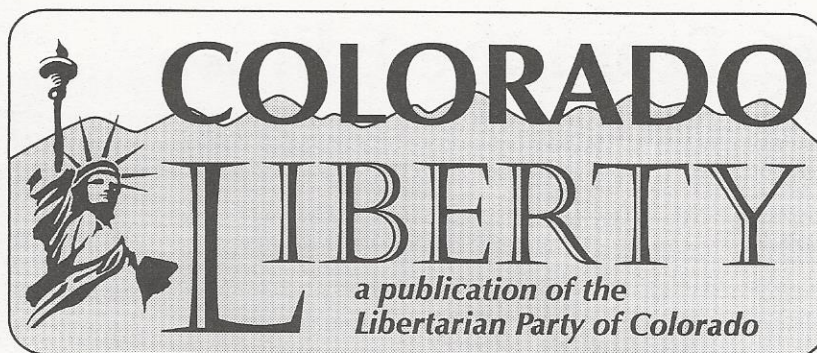


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Harry Browne Nominated, On Ballot in Colorado

by Larry Hoffenberg

More than a month ahead of his Democratic and Republican rivals, Libertarian presidential candidate Harry Browne is on the ballot in Colorado, 11 days after easily winning the party's nomination at its national convention in Washington, D.C.

On July 15, LPC Campaigns Director Doug Anderson submitted the requisite forms and \$500 filing fee to Secretary of State Victoria Buckley, securing ballot access for Browne and vice presidential candidate Jo Jorgensen. The Browne/Jorgensen ticket is already on the ballot in 33 other states, and is expected to be on in all 50 states by early October.

Browne has scheduled a four-day campaign trip to Colorado for mid-September. Details of the campaign appearances will be forthcoming, and are expected to include stops in Alamosa, Aspen, Denver, Durango, and Leadville.

Browne is the first presidential candidate in U.S. history to qualify for, but decline to accept, federal matching campaign funds. Browne considers taxpayer funding of elections to be "welfare for politicians."

The Browne candidacy will mark the first time in U.S. history that a third party will be on the ballot in all 50 states for two consecutive presidential elections. Nationally, more than 1,000 Libertarian candidates are running for national, state, and local offices in 1996. That's the most candidates from any third party since 1912.

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Colorado delegates (L to R) Doug Anderson, David Aitken, Norm Olson, Ed Goodrich, Dan Cochran, Sue Goodrich, David Bryant, and Bert Wiener visit Thomas Jefferson. Photo by Doug Anderson.

Eight Libertarian Candidates Submit Ballot Petitions

by Ron Bain, Liberty Editor

On July 15, five Libertarian candidates for state or federal office in Colorado gathered at the Secretary of State's office in Denver to submit qualifying petitions for this fall's ballot. This brought the total number of Colorado Libertarian candidates to eight.

Filing together on July 15 were Richard Combs (U.S. Congress, 1st District), Earl Allen (U.S. Congress, 2nd District), Kevin Wilkerson (Colorado House, District 11), Dan

Cochran (Colorado House, District 51), and David Aitken (Regional Transportation District Board, District A).

Chuck Wright (Colorado House, District 13) and Doug Newman (Colorado House, District 42) had filed the previous week, while in Leadville, Carol Hill has filed her candidacy for Lake County Commissioner, a race she fully expects to win.

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From the Editor:

Nineteen ninety-six is rapidly becoming the year of the alternative political party.

Over the Fourth of July weekend, the Libertarian Party (established now for 25 years) nominated Harry Browne, a 63-year-old investment advisor and best-selling author, to become president of the United States. Ross Perot and former Colorado Gov. Dick Lamm are currently battling it out for the nomination of the Reform Party, established in 1996. John Hagelin appears to be the only member of as well as the nominee of the Natural Law Party, which first appeared in 1992 with the backing of the Maharishi Mahesh Yogi and his Transcendental Meditation Foundation. Ralph Nader is somewhat reluctantly allowing the California Green Party to place his name in nomination for president, and a couple of other states' independent parties are considering a Nader nomination. Pat Buchanan is threatening the Republicans with accepting the nomination of the Taxpayers Party. The perennial candidate of the Prohibitionist Party, Earl Dodge, will be on the presidential ballot again this year.

Of the above mentioned candidates, Lamm has received the most coverage from the national and local press corps. Perot's announcement that he would challenge Lamm for the Reform Party nomination has not received as much media attention as did his on-again, off-again candidacy in 1992. Browne has made significant inroads on talk radio and the Internet, but after two solid years of campaigning, he began receiving newspaper coverage only after his July nomination. I've seen one article about Nader in *The New York Times*. Hagelin is obviously a favorite of *Colorado Daily* editor Clint Talbott, who has

authorized at least three stories (one front page) on his candidacy; yet I've seen no other coverage of the Natural Law Party in any other media source. The Prohibitionists have run Dodge in every presidential election in recent memory, and he never gets any media attention and always scores dead last.

These observations of widely inconsistent coverage of qualified or likely presidential candidates have caused me to wonder exactly what criteria news editors use to decide whether to cover a candidate. To understand the importance of this question, you must realize that an individual cannot become president without the tacit approval of the national media; Clinton wouldn't be president today if reporters had collectively ignored his initial run in the 1992 Democratic primaries.

In the 1980s, when I was a newspaper editor, I used a simple rule of thumb: any qualified candidate whose name was going to appear on the ballot was worthy of at least one article, especially if they made a local appearance.

So what are the criteria of the media for publicizing a presidential candidate? I have identified the following list: likelihood of winning; incumbency or prior experience in elected office; name recognition; party affiliation; amount of money raised; ballot status; positioning in public preference polls; and, willingness to campaign locally.

To better understand this somewhat uneven calculus, compare the media coverage received by the candidacies of Browne and Lamm. Browne—ballot-qualified in 33 states so far, with a party nomination under his belt and almost a million dollars in campaign funds in his pocket—has received grudging media support on talk radio, in newspapers and on the Internet, but very little TV. Lamm, on the other hand—who has prior elective experience and limited name recognition, but no ballot status, no nomination and only \$40,000 to his political name—has been on local and national TV newscasts, as well as programs such as *Meet the Press*, and has received an inordinate amount of attention in local newspapers due to the "local angle." Neither is likely to win the presidency, but Lamm is unlikely to even win the Reform nomination—and look at the amount of coverage he has received.

Browne has no prior political experience; in fact, for 32 years, he was decidedly apolitical, refusing to register or vote. When he finally decided to get involved (and in a big way), Browne felt he had no choice but to join the Libertarian Party, the party of principle, and seek the Libertarian nomination in 1996. He announced his candidacy in late 1994, and has been working hard ever since to convince dedicated Libertarian activists that such a new party member should be their nominee.

Lamm, on the other hand, served three terms as chief executive officer of Colorado, earning the nickname of "Governor Gloom" for his Kevorkianesque pronouncements about everyone's "duty to die." When he ran for the Senate, he lost the Democratic nomination to Ben Nighthorse Campbell.

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To the editor:

In the June *Liberty News*, there was an article titled "FCC Public File Auto-FAQ," which was about what people can do about media-generated lies and misinformation. This article had some disturbing suggestions that every libertarian ought to be concerned about.

The article suggests that in order to force the media to say what is alleged to be the truth, you should get the government involved, specifically the FCC. Evidently, the writer believes the government can somehow be an unbiased evaluator of truth. Of course, any government agency powerful enough to keep lies and misinformation out of the media is powerful enough to keep the truth out of the media.

Here is my five-point libertarian strategy for what you can do about media-generated lies and misinformation:

- 1.) Point out lies or misinformation to station management and ownership. Supply documentation. It's one thing to allege the media is putting out lies and misinformation, it's another to make a good case to support your allegations.
- 2.) If step #1 doesn't work, threaten the management and ownership with steps 3 - 5 below.

- 3.) Urge your congressmen to open up the radio and TV broadcast spectrum to more competition. There's room for at least a hundredfold increase in the number of broadcasters. Supply them with your documentation from step #1 and tell them that this is one more reason to increase the competition—it keeps them honest.
- 4.) Every time the media puts out lies or misinformation, point it out to their competition, tell your friends, write letters to local newspapers, and supply them with your documentation from step #1. Stop using this unreliable source of information.
- 5.) Inform advertisers of the situation. They probably don't want their good name associated with a media outlet that puts out lies and misinformation. Supply the advertisers with the documentation from step #1. Tell them that if they don't take action, you'll stop using their products and you'll urge your friends to do the same.

For Liberty,

Chuck Wright
Boulder

Calendar of Events

August

- 4 LP 25th Anniversary Picnic, Eben G. Fine Park, Boulder, 2 p.m.
Call Chris Bogart, (303) 449-6327, to help or for more information.
- 6 Ft. Collins 1st Tue. Breakfast Club, Tony's, 224 South College, 7 a.m. Speaker. Pat Hartman, (970) 224-3116.
- 6 Denver Activists Meeting, Denny's, Santa Fe & Alameda, 7 p.m.
Bert Wiener, (303) 934-3245.
- 7 LPC Board of Directors meeting, LPC office, 720 E. 18th, Denver, 6:30 p.m. Party members are welcome.
- 7 & 21 CSU Campus Libertarians, CSU Student Center.
Bruce Lockhart, (970) 223-7504.
- 10 Picnic for State Fair Volunteers at Fillius Park. RSVP with Gary Sandritter at (303) 670-0444.
- 12 & 26 Aurora LP, Shoney's, 13700 E. Mississippi, 7 p.m.
Doug Newman, (303) 363-4172.
- 13 Summit County LP. Call John Sabal at (970) 262-6369 for time and location.
- 14 Adams County Libertarians, Coco's at Northglenn Mall, 104th & I-25, 7 p.m. Earl Allen, (303) 254-4978.
- 14 & 28 Routt County Common Sense Club, Overlook Lodge, Steamboat Springs, 7:30 p.m. Robert Jahelka, (970) 879-4127.
- 15 Jefferson County LP. Denny's Restaurant, 565 Union Blvd., 6:30 p.m. dinner, 7 p.m. meeting. Clark Marley, (303) 420-8175.
- 8/17-9/3 **LPC booth at Colorado State Fair, Pueblo. Call the LPC office at 303-837-9393 or 800-211-5214 to help.**
- 19 Ft. Collins 3rd Mon. Dinner Club, China Dragon Restaurant, 1401 W. Elizabeth, 7 p.m. Mary Margaret, (970) 484-8184.
- 20 Denver Activists Meeting, Denny's, Santa Fe & Alameda, 7 p.m.

Bert Wiener, (303) 934-3245.

- 21 San Luis Valley LP meeting, Forbes Park, 6:30 p.m.
Call Bob Johnson, (719) 379-2767, for directions.
- 21 Boulder LP, Old Train Depot, 30th & Pearl, business meeting at 5 p.m., outreach meeting at 7 p.m. (303) 443-1870.
- 29 Aspen Liberty Coalition, Pitkin County Library, 7 p.m.
Tom Peckham, (970) 925-6027.

September

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Browne's admittedly limited name recognition at least has a national base: he authored the 1970s best-seller *How You Can Profit from a Monetary Crisis*, and his current book, *Why Government Doesn't Work*, is already a best-seller in Hawaii and climbing the charts nationwide. He has talked to millions of people over talk radio as a presidential candidate during the past two years, and recognition of the name Harry Browne is growing.

Lamm, as former governor of a bellwether state, is about as well-known now as Bill Clinton was in 1990 or 1991. If the media continue to heap publicity on him, Dick Lamm could become a famous national figure. Or he might go the way of Paul Tsongas.

Browne's party affiliation is relatively new but not under doubt. He's a true-blue Libertarian, and will do more to publicize the Libertarian message than any other party member before him.

Lamm can't seem to decide where his loyalties lie. He made his living as a Democrat for decades, then briefly joined the Gang of Seven, and now is trying to be a member of the Reform Party. Colorado election law states (as Libertarians found out when they tried to nominate Republican-Libertarian Robin Heid for governor) that a candidate must not have been a registered member of another party for at least a year prior to getting a "minor" party's nomination. Barring a successful court challenge, Dick couldn't run as a Reformer in Colorado in the unlikely event he does win the Reform Party nomination next month.

Working hard to raise funds for two years, Browne has amassed almost a million dollars despite adverse odds, and hopes to create enough of a splash with that starter fund to raise a total of \$10 million. He might actually be the first Libertarian candidate to pull off such a fund-raising feat. Already, Browne is the first Libertarian presidential candidate to qualify for—and then turn down—FEC matching funds.

Lamm readily admits that he has only banked \$40,000, and thinks his 1-800 number will bring in \$30 to \$40 million, equivalent to the amount of Perot's money the members of United We Stand America became accustomed to spending in 1992. Lamm should ask Jerry Brown how well his 1-800 number worked.

Harry Browne and the Libertarian Party are on the ballot currently in 33 states, and plans are in place to finish up the other 17 states by October.

Lamm is on the ballot in zero states, but Reform Party members have secured ballot status for their eventual nominee in about 30 states so far.

Pollsters are going to have to be paid by the Browne campaign in order to

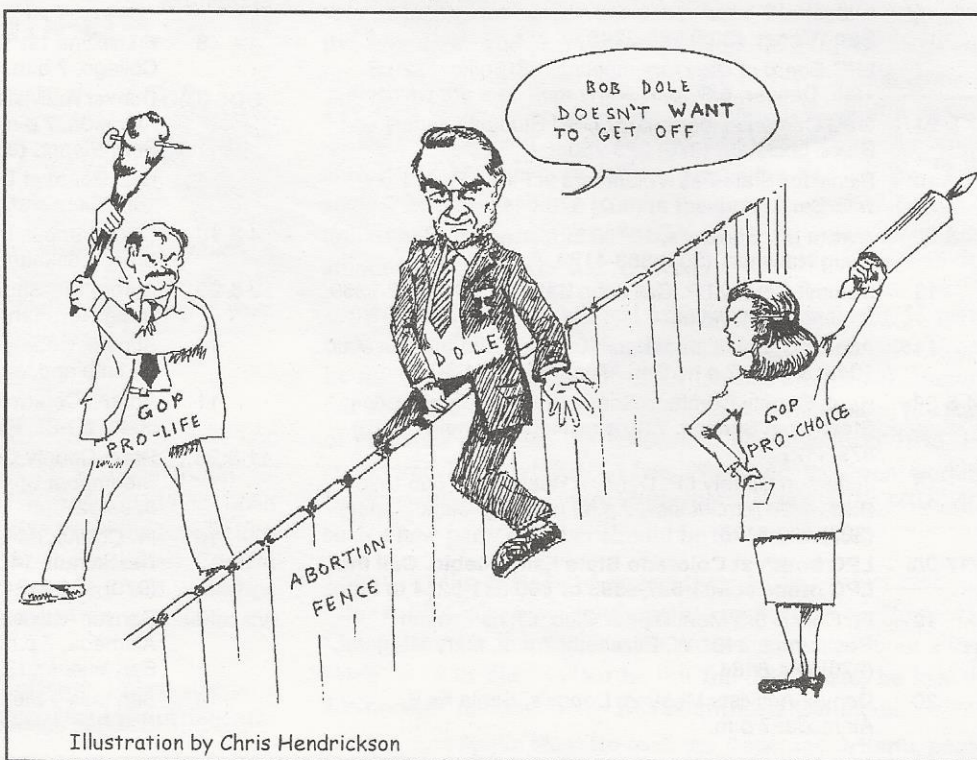
determine if he is at 1%, 5% or 10% in the public's preferences. Gallup, Roper and other pollsters generally don't ask about Libertarian candidates, but have determined that about 22% of Americans agree in large part with the Libertarians' anti-government, pro-individual philosophy.

Browne has already visited Colorado three times, and plans a fourth visit in September. Very little media coverage has accompanied his prior visits; hopefully the nominated and ascendant Browne will receive a more appropriate amount of local coverage in September.

Lamm lives here and would be something of a favorite son candidate if nominated by the Reform Party. And that's why the local media has become so excited about the prospects of a Lamm candidacy (same thing happened when Gary Hart was running and when Pat Schroeder thought about it).

In conclusion, I don't believe very many news editors use the rule of thumb that I used as a newspaper editor: a ballot-qualified candidate is deserving of at least limited coverage. Most editors register as independents and then blatantly support either of the major parties. Editors seem consumed by the American fascination with celebrity, losing all sense of news judgment when a famous person speaks. Issues and proposed solutions seem to matter little when vapid worship of celebrity and sensation, as well as personal bias, rule editors' decisions.

I challenge Colorado news editors to make more conscious and calculating decisions about which politicians to cover this election year. Democracy works best when all of the choices have been explained to the voters; otherwise, elections are nothing more than a rubber stamp for the preferences of the nation's shapers of public opinion.



Delegate Reflects on Capital's Mistaken Ideas

by Kevin Wilkerson, delegate to LPUS convention

It was recently my privilege to represent Colorado Libertarians as a delegate to the LP National Convention in Washington, D.C. There, on July 6th, Harry Browne officially became the Libertarian Party's 1996 Presidential candidate after receiving nearly 70% of the vote on the first ballot. Also as expected, Jo Jorgensen was selected as the Vice Presidential nominee. The speeches and presentations were all first-rate, especially the inspiring keynote address by Bumper Hornberger and the rousing acceptance speech by Harry Browne. Better still, the entire convention was covered by C-SPAN and received serious, respectful treatment from the D.C. papers, the wire services, and other media.

But what I wish to share with you here are a few reflections on our capital city itself.

To begin with, Washington D.C. is incredibly pretentious. Monuments and functional office buildings stand cheek by jowl, or glare at each other across paved squares, fountains, or parkland. Architecturally, there is little difference between the two, as if the offices of cabinet departments and various alphabet soup agencies are themselves intended as monuments. And in a sense they are indeed monuments to the mistaken idea that government intervention and control represent the means to an improved society. The classical lines and ubiquitous stone of every government building serve to create an almost Roman atmosphere of grandeur, narcissism, and corruption.

Washington is also, naturally, overrun with bureaucrats. Swarms of men and women sporting badges and picture IDs fill the streets, bravely disputing every crosswalk with the constant stream of taxis in complete disregard for the state of traffic signals. Walking more or less in company with several such groups of government employees, I managed to overhear a few

conversations. Interestingly, these seemed to consist mainly of discussions about holidays, vacations, sick days, and the like.

The numerous museums in the Smithsonian complex are worthy of many days' engrossing study, for which I unfortunately lacked time. My brief trip through the American History Museum was cursory, but enough to convince me that the same people responsible for dreaming up the new politically correct national history curriculum must have written the text for most of the exhibits. For example, in the section about the transition from an agrarian to an industrial society, the focus was exclusively on sweatshops, robber barons, child labor, racism, wretched factory conditions, anti-labor violence, and pollution—all problems presented as neatly solved (by government of course) in subsequent exhibits on the Progressive and New Deal periods. No wonder so many people accept this jaundiced and inaccurate historical perspective: first they get dosed with it in their government schools, then see the motif repeated in their government museums.

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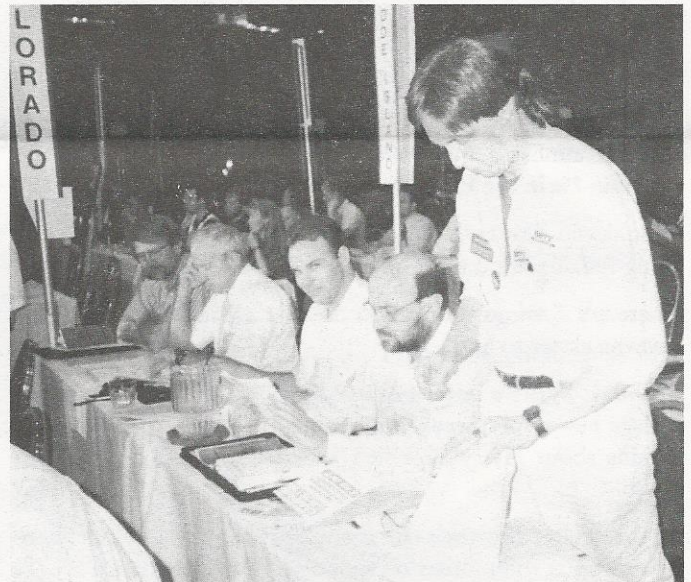
Carry the Torch: Adopt a Precinct!

by Steve Foster

Carry the torch for Liberty. You can help the Libertarian Party reach out to your neighbors and earn \$1000 if your precinct casts more votes for Harry Browne than any other adopted precinct in Colorado. Don't be the last person to jump on the bandwagon when your Liberty is at stake!

I decided to carry the torch for Liberty because if I didn't, nobody else would expose the voters in my precinct to the Libertarian message. Passing out the Harry Browne literature that I ordered from the Browne Campaign will be a healthy and cost-effective way to accomplish this objective. Once is not enough, however, so I will do it several times. It is better to cover a smaller area several times than it is to cover a larger area only once.

So in closing, I would urge those of you who would like to see freedom in your lifetime to jump on the bandwagon and carry the torch for Liberty in your area. Adopt a precinct!



Colorado delegates (L to R) Steve Straley, Ed Goodrich, Cooper Jager, Bert Wiener, and Kevin Wilkerson on the floor of the convention.
Photo by Doug Anderson.

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Browne, best-selling author and investment advisor, has been dubbed the "President of Cyberspace" for his front-running position in numerous Internet polls, including the CNN/Time Virtual Election poll.

Long-time Libertarian Party activist Jo Jorgensen is the vice-presidential candidate. Ms. Jorgensen is owner of a Greenville, S.C., computer software company.

7 Things You Can Do This Week to Help Harry

by the Browne Campaign staff

The first Presidential Debate will take place in St. Louis on September 25th. Bob Dole and Bill Clinton will be there.

Will Harry Browne be included?

He just might—if you help now.

If we can get Harry Browne up to at least 7% in the polls, we stand a good chance of getting him included in the 1996 Presidential Debates.

Why 7%?

Harry Browne says, "To be included in the 1996 Presidential debates, I need to reach the same 7% in the polls that Ross Perot had in 1992 just days before he was included in the first Presidential Debate. Just one week after that first debate, Perot was polling 18%, so clearly Americans rely on the Presidential Debates as a way to learn about the candidates and make their choice. I think that a 7% standing in the polls just prior to the debates indicates a potential of 2 to 3 times as much. Enough, in fact, to affect the outcome of the 1996 elections."

To accomplish this, we must dramatically boost name recognition for Harry Browne now. We must publicize *Why Government Doesn't Work*. We must explain what Harry Browne is proposing and why. And start the drumbeat now for including Harry Browne in the Presidential Debates.

Would you like to help increase Harry Browne's chances of reaching 7% in the Presidential polls?

Would you like to help increase Harry Browne's chances of being included in the Presidential Debates?

There are 7 things you can do this week that will move Harry Browne closer to both.

Monday: Write a letter to the editor of your local newspaper, college newspaper, weekly magazines, or other frequent publications about Harry Browne's Libertarian Presidential Campaign.

- 1.) Use Harry Browne's name several times in your letter. Repetition is the mother of memory. When the national polls call, people need to remember "Harry Browne."
- 2.) Refer to *Why Government Doesn't Work* in the letter. Some readers will go to the bookstore and buy it. They may read themselves free.
- 3.) Your letter must focus on one of Harry Browne's core campaign themes:
 - "Harry Browne says, 'Government Doesn't Work. Government doesn't deliver the mail on time, its schools don't educate our children, it can't keep our streets safe. Government Doesn't Work.'"
 - "Libertarian Presidential Candidate Harry Browne wants to immediately end the Insane War on Drugs—which will take the windfall profits out of pushing drugs,

remove the incentives for joining gangs, and make our streets safe again."

- "Libertarian Presidential candidate Harry Browne says, 'Get government entirely out of Social Security. Sell off trillions of dollars of unneeded federal assets and buy private retirement annuities for senior citizens dependent on Social Security. End the obscene 15% Social Security Tax that GenX'ers and Baby Boomers pay for Social Security they'll never get.'"
- "Harry Browne, the Libertarian Presidential candidate, wants to end the income tax and abolish the IRS his first year in office and replace them with nothing. Every dollar you earn will be yours to spend, to save, to give to your favorite charity or church or cause."

Tuesday: Call in to talk radio shows to talk up the Harry Browne Libertarian Presidential Campaign.

- 1.) Pick the Harry Browne core campaign theme (above) that best fits the talk radio discussion.
- 2.) Repeat Harry Browne's name several times during your call. Repetition is the mother of memory. When the national polls call, people need to remember "Harry Browne, Libertarian for President."
- 3.) Mention *Why Government Doesn't Work* during the call. Quote from it. Some readers will go to their local bookstore and buy it. Harry Browne's book might well win their hearts and minds to individual liberty and self-responsibility.

Wednesday: If you subscribe to CompuServe, America OnLine, or Usenet newsgroups, or have access to other computer forums, post messages about Harry Browne under appropriate topic areas.

- 1.) Please follow the same guidelines as for letters and talk radio shows. Talk up Harry Browne's name (try to include it in the subject line), *Why Government Doesn't Work*, and his core Libertarian Presidential Campaign issues.
- 2.) Respect the charters and guidelines of each forum, but don't "preach to the choir" by limiting your postings to areas already frequented by libertarians. Wherever political or social concerns and the "solutions" touted by establishment politicians are discussed, make sure the readers know about Harry Browne. Pick the Harry Browne core campaign theme that fits best with the subject matter of the forum, and make sure they know there is a Libertarian alternative.
- 3.) When posting messages about Harry Browne online, please also mention:
 - The Harry Browne 800 Number: 1-800-682-1776.
 - The Harry Browne for President WWW site: <http://www.HarryBrowne96.org>

Browne Get Into the Presidential Debates

- Our e-mail list: they can subscribe by sending a message to <announce-request@HarryBrowne96.org> with "subscribe" in the subject line.

Thursday: If you have access, vote for Harry Browne in every online presidential poll you can find. Ask your friends with computers to vote Harry Browne in these polls, too.

Journalists pay attention to these polls. Some polls are re-started daily, some are re-started monthly—so vote as often as the rules allow. Links to these polls are listed on the Harry Browne for President WWW site. New polls could start at any time, so check there often.

Friday: Write a letter to 1 or 2 of the key television interview and talk shows—a few are listed below—and tell them why you think Harry Browne would be interesting to their audiences.

Larry King Live
820 First Street NE
Washington, DC 20002

The Charlie Rose Show
WNET-TV
499 Park Avenue
New York, NY 10022

John MacLaughlin's One on One
Oliver Productions
1211 Connecticut Avenue, N.W., Suite 810
Washington, DC 20036

The Tom Snyder Show
CNBC
3000 West Alameda Blvd
Burbank, CA 91523

Tony Brown's Journal
1501 Broadway, Suite 412
New York, NY 10036

Saturday: Write to the major network news organizations listed below and tell them why you think Harry Browne is newsworthy. Why you think his presence in the Presidential Debates would be good for America. Why you think Harry Browne and the Harry Browne Libertarian Presidential Campaign would intrigue and interest their viewers. Why you think Harry Browne's Libertarian Presidential Campaign could dramatically affect the Presidential Debates and the election.

Put a P.S. at the end of your letter—and ask these news organizations for regular and frequent coverage of the Harry Browne Libertarian Presidential Campaign, not just a one-time, "see how fair we are" obligatory piece. Ask them for the same level of coverage that they're giving Dick Lamm of the Reform Party. If you want to play a little guilt hardball, say, "Harry Browne may get between 5% and 15% of the Presidential vote this year. Will you give Harry Browne 5% to 15% of your total Presidential Campaign coverage?"

NBC Nightly News
30 Rockefeller Plaza
New York, NY 10112
e-mail: nightly@news.nbc.com

CNN
PO Box 105366
Atlanta, GA 30348
FAX: 770-827-1593

CBS News
524 West 57th Street
New York, NY 10019
FAX: 212-975-1893

ABC News
47 West 66th Street
New York, NY 10023
FAX: 212-456-2213

Sunday: Tell 7 people you do business with or socialize with about the Harry Browne Libertarian Presidential Campaign.

Tell each one of them, "Harry Browne, the Libertarian Candidate for President says, 'Government Doesn't Work.' Do you agree?"

Ask, "Do you believe your taxes are way too low, just right, or way too high?"

Ask, "Do you believe we have too little government, just the right amount of government, or too much government?"

Then ask them what Harry Browne calls The Most Important Question In Politics: "Would you be willing to give up all your favorite federal programs if it meant you'd never have to pay an income tax as long as you live?"

- Tell them *what's in it for them* if Harry Browne's in the Presidential Debates.
- Tell them *what's in it for them* if they vote for Harry Browne.
- Tell them *what's in it for them* if Harry Browne were elected President of the United States.

If you'd like to be an outstanding spokesperson for the Harry Browne Libertarian Presidential Campaign, frequently refer to *Why Government Doesn't Work*—especially Chapters 20, 23, and 24. You can also use Harry Browne's Presidential Campaign Platform as political talking points for your calls, letters, and e-mail postings.

And: If you want to *really* make a difference, make 7 copies of this message for friends, and ask them to do these 7 things.

These seven small steps could:

- Help get Harry Browne into the 1996 Presidential Debates.
- Change the political debate for 1996.
- Make a difference in America's future.

Harry Browne for President
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Affiliate Corner

Jefferson County Libertarian Party

Clark Marley, chairman of the Jefferson County affiliate, resigned at the July 11th meeting for personal reasons. Jerry Hatch, formerly vice chairman, will succeed Marley as chair.

Hatch said the August 1st meeting would be a brainstorming session to generate ideas on how to support the Harry Browne presidential candidacy.

The Sept. 5th meeting will feature elections of affiliate officers, including chairman, vice chairman, secretary and treasurer. Any voter registered Libertarian in Jefferson County can vote in the election or run for office, Hatch explained.

In October, JeffCo Libertarians hope to organize a candidates' rally, featuring all of the Libertarian candidates for state, local and national office, to which members of the general public will be invited.

Boulder County Libertarian Party

At the July 21st meeting, Chris Bogart was elected chairman of the Boulder County affiliate, succeeding Kevin Wilkerson who decided to devote time to his campaign for Colorado House District 11. Wilkerson also coordinated the affiliate's booth at the Freedom Festival, June 29th and 30th.

Candidates Submit Petitions,

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Allen and Newman more than doubled the required number of signatures, assuring their presence on the general election ballot. Wright single-handedly obtained 750 signatures, almost twice the number needed, and Cochran turned in exactly double the number needed. Aitken and Hill also turned in sufficient signatures to be confident of qualifying for the ballot.

Combs and Wilkerson may initially fall short of the required number of valid signatures, but both are confident they can get enough additional signatures during the "cure period" to qualify for the ballot.

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Membership in the Boulder group continues to grow: 58 members were reported in June, up by two.

All Affiliate Chairs: Take Heed

If you didn't see information about your affiliate in this edition of the *Colorado Liberty*, that's because you didn't write it up and send it to Editor Ron Bain at 3300 Arapahoe, #215, Boulder, CO 80303 or FAX it to him at (303) 443-9179.

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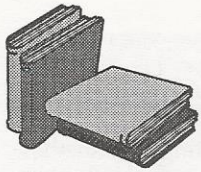
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Book Review

Why Government Doesn't Work

by Harry Browne. 1995, St. Martin's Press, 245 pages.

Reviewed by Chris Hendrickson

Written in a journalistic style using short sentences and paragraphs, Harry Browne's campaign book, *Why Government Doesn't Work*, is easy and even fun to read.

The first section presents the problem, defining government and explaining why it messes up nearly everything it touches.

Horror stories abound, with a few particularly awful examples from the War On Drugs. Among them are the stories of Donald Scott and the Rev. Acelynne Williams of Boston.

Scott, an affluent property owner in Hawaii, wasn't growing hemp or cannabis on his property. But seizure fever had struck the local DEA officials, who apparently hoped that he was growing. After looking into the value of Scott's property, they mounted a heavily armed raid, resulting in Scott's death.

The Rev. Williams was a poor inner city minister. He was a straight arrow, but an informant gave the wrong address to local drug warriors. Again, a heavily armed raid was mounted. The narcs refused to believe that they'd made a mistake, and roughed up the elderly minister until he had a heart attack and died.

Washington, D.C.: Pretentious and Arrogant, *continued from page 3*

Security was a serious concern very much in evidence. Even Boulder could scarcely boast as many police per capita as Washington, and armed guards and metal detectors awaited in the entrances to every government building. The public museums didn't possess the detectors, but discreet signs informed visitors that security personnel reserved the right to search any person or object at will, and that consent to this was construed merely from having entered. "Please pardon any inconvenience, and understand our need for increased security." The overall meaning here is plain: the public is no longer trusted by the government that serves it. Washington has all the nervous air of a city under siege—or one that expects to be.

Nowhere was this more evident than at the U.S. Capitol building. Most of this is roped off now, and visiting citizens are herded around it in carefully marked crosswalks. I use the word "herded" with care and deliberately—every fifty feet or so an armed officer stood, watching attentively. Should anyone step outside the lines, the officer would blow his whistle, angrily gesturing at the line the transgressor had crossed. One member of our delegation nearly got arrested when he didn't move back where he was supposed to be quickly enough.

The real clincher came when the LP candidates gathered on the east steps for a group photo. Any such use of the Capitol requires a permit, and the party had duly obtained one. The police weren't told to expect us, however, and seemed disinclined to allow it at first, but then relented. But when the hired

The horror stories continue with accounts of how government has messed up education, health care, welfare and practically every other government concern. Browne touches on the resultant nightmare in the prison system, pointing out that thirteen states have total populations smaller than today's state and federal prison population, now in excess of one million.

The second section of the book details solutions that focus on a dramatic reduction of government and its power. Browne states what he would do immediately as president, doing away with executive-branch government agencies while vetoing all spending bills sent from Congress. Warning that government power has grown dangerously, Browne claims little time is left to put on the brakes and reverse the process.

Readers might notice that the book has the feel of a campaign speech, repeating many of its points all too frequently. Also, it is not particularly scholarly (intended as it is to be a best-seller). The epilogue is simply a plug for his campaign, followed by references and a letter from Browne's wife, Pamela.

All in all, an entertaining, fast read. A truly Libertarian book, the whole thing is liberally illustrated by charts which graphically pound home Browne's point that the more we spend on government, the worse it gets.

photographer began setting up his camera tripod, the officers came trotting over at once. Tripods, it seems, are illegal in Washington except with a special permit. The reason for this I'll leave to your imagination, but the end result was that our photographer was compelled, on pain of being arrested on the spot, to hold his camera in his hands to take our picture. The image of the photographer, holding his half-assembled tripod, confronting the police, was itself captured on film, and made an indelible impression on many of us. The U.S. Capitol is still there, fortress-like upon its hill, but plainly no longer a fit symbol for a free people. Likewise Washington as a whole can scarcely any longer be considered anything other than the center of an empire in decay: aloof from its subjects, extravagant, arrogant, and decadent with power.

A metaphor from Bumper's speech the previous day echoed in my mind as we walked back to the convention hall. The Democrats and Republicans, he said, are like two rapists who stand smiling down at their prostrate victim. They tell her, "We know you don't like what we've done to you, but the truth is, you have no choice. You're going to have to hug one of us."

Well, the rape victim's name is Liberty, folks. She's you and me. So this year, don't hug either of them. This year, don't waste your vote. This year, vote Libertarian!

Thought for the Month:

"Government is not a family value."

State Fair Project Up and Running

Plans for the LP's booth at the state fair are being completed, thanks to all the people who contributed money to pay for the booth and to order merchandise. Literature and T-shirts have been ordered, and the booth space has been paid for.

The fair runs from August 17 to September 2 in Pueblo, with a setup day on August 16. Last year, well over a million people passed through the gates. This will be a great outreach opportunity at a time when people are getting focused on the upcoming election. The LP can reach tens of thousands of potential voters in a very short time.

BetteRose Smith will be asking C-SPAN for permission to use tapes of the LP convention at the booth. If you videotaped part or all of the convention, or have other Libertarian tapes that would attract passers-by, or could provide a TV, a VCR, or both, contact her at (303) 266-6118.

Volunteers are still needed to staff the booth. We must have the booth open and staffed every hour during the fair, or we lose it. If you can volunteer a day, or even part of a day, please contact Doug Anderson at (303) 698-2651 or BetteRose.

State Fair Volunteers Invited to Picnic

All those who are going to work at the Libertarian Party booth during the Colorado State Fair are invited to a picnic at Fillius Park (off 110 near Evergreen) on Saturday, Aug. 10. If you haven't yet volunteered to work at the fair booth, come to the picnic to sign up and experience a very brief seminar about operating a successful booth.

Call Gary Sandritter at (303) 670-0444 so he can plan for enough food and give you directions. "We will cool off at altitude, meet each other, and eat a free lunch," Sandritter said.

Unified Membership Saves Time and Money

The LPC has adopted, on a trial basis, the national LP's unified membership plan. This plan should simplify bookkeeping and reduce some of the overlap between the state and national membership offices.

Under the plan, all national LP members automatically become dues-paying members of the state party. New and renewal memberships are sent directly to the national office,

which will take over all renewal efforts, including reminder letters and phone calls. The state party will receive \$1 per month for each *Subscribing* member and \$2 per month for each member above the *Subscribing* level.

The national office will also be responsible for sending information packets to people who inquire about the Libertarian Party. The LPC will forward all inquiries to the national office, but we will send postcards thanking people for their interest and letting them know that their inquiry is being processed.

The new unified membership (state and national) is only \$25. While the LPC will lose money per membership, this should be offset by the money we get for those who were formerly national members only and did not contribute at the state level. We will also save both time and money by not having to send information packets, renewal reminders, and so forth.

Concerns about this program run from "Will we receive the money from National in a timely fashion?" to "What about people who don't want to sign the 'oath'?" Below are answers to some of these concerns.

- We'll continue the state pledge program, and all the money donated to it will remain in Colorado.
- We'll continue to offer state-only memberships (\$15) and *Colorado Liberty* subscriptions (\$6) for those who want them. Essentially, state-only members will be "yearly pledgers," with a minimum \$15 pledge due in either January or July.
- You may still donate money directly to the LP of Colorado either by joining the pledge program or by sending a contribution to the LPC office. (When sending money to the LPC, whether donation, subscription, or dues, please enclose a note indicating its purpose.) Sorry, but we'll no longer be able to offer premiums at the state level.
- We're trying this program for six months, and can withdraw from it at the end of that time if it doesn't work as intended.

Kudos to...

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- Wayne White, Michael Christopher, Chris Bogart, Richard Combs, Doug Anderson, and David Bryant, who did the same for the Denver LP's booth at the Gay & Lesbian Pridefest.
- BetteRose Smith and Michele Bethke, who hosted the LPC's strategic planning session at Michele's house.
- Bill Johnson, Doug Anderson, and Judd Ptak, whose letters to the editor appeared in *The Denver Post*, Chuck Wright, whose letter appeared in the *Boulder Daily Camera*, and new LP member Kenneth Kirkmeyer, whose letter appeared in the *Longmont Times-Call*, all in July.

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